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1. The rumor that MAO Tse-tung is being detained in Moscow by the Soviets is widely believed in Hunan.
2. This and similar rumors are being passed by people who attribute them to the Kuomintang "secret service" in order to avoid trouble with the Communist authorities. Since these rumor mongers go unpunished the common people believe what they say.

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Comment. The evaluation of this report is of the existence of the rumor, not the fact that MAO is being detained.

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